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Grant of licenses to possess breech loading guns.

From

The Dt. Magte of Mysore

No. 1215 Dated 22.5.06 Received 28.5.06

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Forwards the applications of Venu Rangaswamier and Gowdalam Srinivasa Jois for licenses under Form IV under the Arms Regulation and requests sanction to the renewal of their licenses.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

1) License number 277, for the renewal of which Srinivasa Jois prays was issued for a six chambers breech loading revolver. The application of Venu Rangaswamiengar is also for a Revolver. Rangaswamiengar

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states that ~~his~~ the weapon ~~is~~ he requires is not a breech loader. ~~at all~~. Therefore his case does not seem to come under ~~section~~ Rule 19 of the Arms Rules ~~which deals only~~ according to previous Govt. sanction ~~which~~ is needed only in the case of breech-loading rifles and balled rifle ammunition. A revolver is defined in Webster's Dictionary as "a fire-arm (commonly a pistol) with several chambers or barrels so arranged as to revolve on an axis, and be discharged in succession by the same lock; a repeater". From this it is clear that a revolver is not necessarily a rifle. In order to bring a case within the scope of ~~section~~ Rule 19 of the Arms Rule the weapon should be (1) breech loading and (2) a rifle. Govt. have also expressly dispensed with the necessity for their sanction in the case of breech loading guns that are not rifles. In the case of Srinivasa Jois the weapon is stated to be a breech loading revolver but it is not clear whether it is a rifle also. In the case of Rangaswami

rifle, not rifles

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The weapon is not ~~at all~~ a breech at all. Subo. for orders.

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2) When the necessity or otherwise for sanction of Government depends upon the weapon applied for being a rifle or not, the District-magistrate may be asked to ascertain from the applicants and to inform this Office if the weapons they wish are rifles or not.

NRC 7-6-06

3) Subo. with a draft enquiring the Dt. Magte whether the weapons are rifles.

B.G. 8.6.06.

NRC 8-6-06

4) Dated ~~8.6.06~~ 8.6.06

MS 9-6-06

4 Draft issued no. J 3639 D/ 8.6.06.

5 From the Dt. Magte of Mysore no. 1300 D/ 12.6.06

States that the weapons in question are rifles.

6) Sanction may be accorded in the case of Srinivasa Jois. In the case of Rangaswamiengar the weapon is not a breech-loader according to his application to the Dt. Magte sent through the Divisional Officer. Subo. for orders.

B.G. 15.6.06

7) The Deputy Commr. says "that the weapons in question are rifles". Is the sanction of Govt is required -

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8) Subo. with a draft sanctioning

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B.G. 16.6.06. NRC 16.6.06 16.6.06

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8) The Officiating Clerk up Webster again, and note what he says about the defn of a "Rifle."

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9) Subo. -

According to Webster a rifle is "a gun, the inside of whose barrel is groov with spiral channels, thus giving the ball a rotary motion and insuring greater accuracy of fire."

B.S. 27-6-06.

27/6/06 10) It is not every breech-loade that is a breech-loading rifle. Revolv and pistols are small arms, while a rifle is a gun or large arm. If this view is correct, I do not think Rule 1 (x) applies to a breech-loade revolver; & that the sanction of Govt is necessary to the issue of the licence applied for in either of the two cases under reference.

To Director Genl 2 D C.

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11) Will Mr Carr be so good as to favor Govt with his opinion on the question raised?

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which refers to breech loading rifle,

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12) Forwarded with Inspector General of Ordnance's D.O. letter 6/Art, dated 30.6.06

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(1) The common interpretation of "breech-loading rifle" would no doubt only apply to the long military or sporting rifle with grooved barrel, firing a conical bullet.

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cancelled
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(2) But in the Arms Rule the definition of "rifle" is given under Rule 19 of the Arms Rules - as (1) breech loading (2) rifled. In such case all modern guns would come under this definition as they are invariably (1) breech-loading, (2) rifled (3) firing a conical ball.

Not perhaps studied the Memorandum regarding "rifled" but "rifle" (repeat)

(3) On the other hand nearly all sporting guns, are breech-loading - but they fire only shot or a spherical ball and are not grooved in the inside of the barrel.

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I should say that strictly speaking revolvers should come under the definition of "breech-loading rifles", printed sub- in para (2) supra. If not Govt should specially exempt them, under Rule 19.

Note It should be remembered that many of the modern American revolvers - Colts - are to all intents & purposes small rifles, carrying accurately upto 100 - 150 yards: & that nearly all modern rifles are "repeating" or "magazine" weapons.

4-7-06. J.C. Cameron
D.S.

14) Subd. for orders.

B.S. 11.7.06. As observed in para 1 of the above note in the ordinary parlance a rifle is a long arm, and does not include a revolver. The barrel of a revolver is 'rifled', but that does not make it a 'rifle'. If the expression "breech-loading rifle" that occurs in Rule 19 is to be interpreted as ordinary people

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would understand it, ~~a revolver~~ ~~is an~~ it ~~pistol~~ cannot be said to include a revolver. If this view is considered correct, no Govt. sanction is necessary in the present case as the arms for which the licences are sought to be renewed are revolvers and not rifles.

See 9) 11-7-06.

15) I agree with Mr Under Secy. Rule 19 refers to rifles & not to rifled weapons which are different. Vide my note of 29-6-06 Foolscap No 20 ✓

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See 4-30 p.m. 6-7-06.

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I put up Col Jones's opinion &c, Mr Carr & Mr Shanks say that the revolvers in question should be considered rifles. Why not specially exempt them under rule 19. A rifle is a weapon that is rifled & I do not quite follow the line of reasoning which would make out a distinction (without a difference)

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between rifle & rifled -
we may accept the opin
of experts in fire arms

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17) have since discussed
the question with the Secretary
Col Jones & Mr Carr both
say that the usual meaning
of the word rifle is a
long barrelled weapon -
we may accept this
for the purpose of rule 9
& say that revolvers &
pistols do not come
under the terms of the
rule

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Drafted by [illegible]

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Sir. Mr Phattan Chelly

Most Revolvers are "Rifled."

That is contain Spiral grooves in the barrel.

The pistol under discussion can therefore be termed (meaning it is "Rifled") a breech loading rifled fire arm.

But it is usual

(- restrict the meaning
of the word Rifle
(- long barrelled.
weapons.
e.g. Pistols used (
be armed with - what
has called the long (

Sergeants - not short (
the same weapon when
shorter sawed. by Cava
has termed a carbine

I think however the
legal meaning of

Rifle would be a firearm
with Spiral grooves or
Rifling in the barrel.

Yours [illegible] Jones

17.7.06.

21)
This is in reply to an
enquiry whether in
ordinary parlance
a 6 Chambered breech
loading revolver

Can be considered
a breechloading
rifle - for purposes
of ... Regulations
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22) Draft not to Dewan for appl.

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Draft Approved by Dewan.

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No. J 743-51/Police 181/2-9-05—6.87 21.9.06.

To The ~~Deputy Commissioner~~ Dt. magte Mysore with enclosures, the Dt magistrates of other districts & the Inspector general of Police.

States that govt sanction is necessary for licenses to possess breech-loading rifles: that pistols & revolvers are breech-loaders but are not rifles and that therefore govt Sanction in the case of firearms of that description is unnecessary: and returns

Office of the District Magistrate
Mysore

No 1215-
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Mysore 22nd May 1906
"25"

Pd.

To

B. K. Venkatavaradu Iyengar Esqre
Secretary to the Government of

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith the marginally noted applications for licenses in Form No IV under the Mysore Arms Regulation. From the description of the guns for whose possession licenses are applied for, they appear to be of breach loading kind and require the sanction of Government as per rule 19 of the Arms Rules.

1 Veere Ranganayaka.
2 Gowrishankara Sreenivasa Iyer.

2. Both the petitioners are old licensees and respectable people. I therefore solicit the sanction of Government for renewing their licenses.

I have the honor to be
Sir.
Your Most obedient Servant

H. H. Spoerry

District Magistrate
of Mysore

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From The Dy Magte
Mysore.

To The Secretary
Rev Dept

Dated 23 May 06.

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General No. 1215
No.

Enclosure No. 8

Asks Sanction to 2
2 gun licences.

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District Magistrate
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To

The Dt. Magte of the Mysore District

Date of issue 8.6.1906.

Signed by [illegible]

His letter no. 1215 dated the 22nd May 1906, forwarding the applications of Veera Rangaswamiruga and Gonalam Srinivas Jois for licenses in Form no. IX under the Mysore Arms Regulation

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with reference to the above has the honour to enquire whether the weapons in ~~question~~ question are rifles.

By Order

8.6.06

for Secretary

over.

BG. 8.6.06.

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Pol no. 5

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From H. H. Sparkes Esquire
District Magistrate
of Mehsone

To K. S. Chandrasekara Iyer B.A.B.L.
Secretary to the Government
of Mehsone

Dated 12 June 1906

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Received

General No. 1300

No.

Enclosure No.

In reply to his docket
No. J 3439
Pol 181-05-2 dated the 8th
June 1906 has the honour
to state that the weapons
in question are rifles
the licensing of which
requires the sanction of
Government

H. H. Sparkes

District Magistrate
of Mehsone

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Diary No. of letter replied to ———

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

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Date of issue 21-9-1906

Signed by Mr. K. Matthan

READ:—

Letters nos. 1215 & 1300 dated the 22nd May 1906 and the 12th Jun 1906 respectively from the Dt. Magte. of Mysore forwarding for the sanction of Govt. under Rule 19 of the Rules under the Arms Act, the

~~ORDER THEREON. No.~~

applications of Veere Rangawandi iengar and Gonakam Sundar Jois for the renewal of their licenses ~~for a revolver~~ in Form IV for the possession of arms.

Order thereon. No J 743-51 dt. 21-9-1906 Pol 81-05-6

The firearms referred to are

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revolvers. Rule 19 of the Rules under the Arms Rep. only requires that the sanction of Govt. should be obtained for the grant of licenses ~~only for the~~ in the case of breech-loading rifles. Revolvers and pistols are breech-loaders but are not rifles. The previous sanction of Govt. is not therefore necessary in the case of ~~such weapons~~ firearms of this description. The applications will therefore be returned to the District Magistrate for his disposal.

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Sec'y. 18/9/06

To The District Magistrate, Mysore,

~~Note~~ with the records received with his letter cited.

The District Magistrate's Orders.

The D. C. of Police, Mysore.

Copied by MI 20.9.06
Read by SM 20/9/06

Sec'y 18/9/06

Enclosures. No 5 to D.M. Mysore
Sent on 21.9.06.

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Police, dated 21st September 1909.

READ—

Letters Nos. 1215 and 1300, dated the 22nd My 1906 and the 12th June 1906, respectively, from the District Magistrate of Mysore, forwarding for the sanction of Government under Rule 19 of the rules under the Arms Regulation, the applications of Veene Rangaswamaiengar and Gomatam Srinivasa Jois for the renewal of their licenses in Form IV for the possession of arms.

No. J. 743-51—POLICE 181-05-6, DATED BANGALORE, 21ST SEPTEMBER 1906.

ORDER THEREON.—The fire-arms refered to are revolvers. Rule 19 of the rules under the Arms Regulation only requires that the sanction of Government for the grant of licenses should be obtained in the case of breech-loading *rifles*. Revolvers and pistols are breech-loaders but are not rifles. The previous sanction of Government is not therefore necessary in the case of fire-arms of this description. The applications will therefore be returned to the District Magistrate for his disposal.

K. S. CHANDRASEKHARA AIYAR,
Secy. to Govt., Gen. & Rec. Depts.

To—The District Magistrate of Mysore, with the records received with his letters under reply.
The District Magistrates of other Districts.
The Inspector-General of Police in Mysore.

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THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

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PROCEEDINGS

Dated 21st September 1906

No. J. 743-51
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Observes that revolvers are not rifles within the meaning of the rule under the Arms Regulation and that previous sanction of Government is not necessary for granting licenses to possess fire-arm of that description.